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SUBJ: KOREA IN THE 30TH GA: UPPER VOLTA

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1. I SAW PRESIDENT LAMIZANA BRIEFLY MORNING NOVEMBER 21. AS I HAD FEARED, OUR MEETING WAS DELAYED BY VISIT OF NORTH KOREAN DELEGATION AND BY COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING.

2. I TOLD LAMIZANA THAT DEPARTMENT HAD ASKED ME TO EXPRESS TO HIM USG'S APPRECIATION FOR UPPER VOLTA'S ABSENCE DURING UNGA PLENARY VOTE ON KOREAN QUESTION. I ADDED THAT I KNEW THIS HAD NOT BEEN AN EASY DECISION FOR HIM TO MAKE.

3. LAMIZANA SAID THAT HE WAS GLAD HE HAD BEEN ABLE TO TAKE THIS MATTER IN HAND BEFORE IT WAS TOO LATE. HE COMMENTED THAT WHEN ONE MAKES A MISTAKE, ONE SHOULD HAVE THE HONESTY TO RECOGNIZE IT AND TO TAKE CORRECTIVE ACTION. HE ADDED THAT IT WOULD HAVE BEEN SILLY FOR UPPER VOLTA TO RISK A DETERIORATION OF RELATIONS "WITH AN OLD FRIEND" FOR THE SAKE OF BEING CONSISTENT ON THE KOREAN QUESTION. HE SAID THAT WAS EXACTLY WHAT HE HAD TOLD THE NORTH KOREAN DELEGATION.

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4. COMMENTING FURTHER ON THE VISIT OF THE NORTH KOREANS, LAMIZANA SAID THAT HE HAD ONLY TWO HOURS NOTICE OF THEIR ARRIVAL. APPARENTLY THE DEELGATION HAD NOT BEEN SCHEDULED TO VISIT UPPER VOLTA ORIGINALLY BUT IT MUST HAVE GOTTEN WIND OF A CHANGE IN UPPER VOLTA'S ATTITUDE ON THE KOREAN QUESTION EITHER FROM NEW YORK OR FROM PYONGYANG AND DECIDED, ON THE SPUR OF THE MOMENT, TO COME TO OUAGADOUGOU. LAMIZANA SAID THE NORTH KOREANS WERE "FURIOUS" WHEN THEY LEFT HIM.
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